

**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)**

Applicant/Patent Owner: Synthes (USA)

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Entitled: **INTERVERTEBRAL PROSTHESIS OR NUCLEAR PROSTHESIS**

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